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Subject: Re: Fw: MISSISSIPPI CANYON 252 ODOR COMPLAINTS ATSDR ASSISTANCE
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Might be a chance to see it all come together finally!

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I concur. I told Dean I would get it to Shane for review, then
Shane
will get it to Unified Command in LA for distribution to NRT and
RRT's 4
and 6. Also, fact sheet on food chain and consumption of sea
food a good
idea.
I already notified Dr. Geller with Poison Control Center and he
will
contact others. Patrick should do same in R-6. Bob

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Bob, we can come up with a statement on the health effects of
petroleum
odors and tar balls, but these concerns are only going to be the
first
issues. I think we should be looking ahead at other factors.
Let me
suggest some things, maybe you can run these ideas through Dean,
and see
what y'all think.

First off, whatever is put out should be coordinated through the
Joint
Information Center that is being operated by the 8th Coast Guard
District in New Orleans; that's required under the NCP anyway.
Our
information on the health implications needs to be added to
information
on the NOAA projections and the Coast Guard led response
operations as
well as the information on effects on the sea-life for both
commercial
and recreation fishermen from the National Marine Fisheries
Service and
the US Wildlife and Fisheries Service. I think the open season
for
shrimp is about to start in Louisiana waters, for instance, and
that
could become a big issue if there is emulsified oil in the
shrimp
grounds. Anyway, the health implications of exposure to oil
should be
one piece of the much larger picture.

Second, with the understanding that our technical information is
going
into this larger package, I think DTEM can pull together the
technical
aspects of the health picture based on the NOAA projections we
are
getting off their ResponseLink Hotlines. We have the ATSDR
Total

Petroleum Hydrocarbons ToxFAQ and Public Health Statements with some other pieces off the Fuel Oil ToxFAQ and PHS and some of the site specific fact sheets from Coffeyville and Murphy oil as well as other information. We can also look at fact sheets from various states. Specific fact sheet targeted at this incident will likely take a day or two to make it through even an abbreviated clearance on just the technical issues, even taking snippets from previously cleared information. DTEM will start on that today.

Third, in the interim, the fuel oil ToxFAQ is probably closest to what folks are needing to know now for what they are encountering on the coast. Based on fate and transport of petroleum, what is likely approaching the coast first is the lighter more volatile diesel fuel from the rig; the heavier crude oil with tar balls and mats should be at least a day or two behind the diesel.

On contacts. For the general public, I think we need to let them come through CDC-Info for health information. It may be a good thing for us to reach out to the Poison Control Centers as well for healthcare professionals. For federal agencies and our state partners, the best contact will be through the CDC EOC at 770-488-7100 (24/7). The lead for this is supposed to be NCEH, but I guess we have been taking the brunt of it so far as it has been mostly NRT issues. We will work out with OPPER about who is going to get the calls triaged from the EOC.

If public health issues becomes a significant factor for the Incident Commanders dealing with the oil coming ashore (significant being that it distracts them from the response), they can ask for on-site support. Money is tight and this may be long haul to get the well plugged and the release stopped. We may need to explore the process of getting a Pollution Funds Ordering Agreement (PFOA) out of the Pollution Funds Center so that we can get re-imbursed out of the OPA Trust Fund. We have never done that before and I believe the process for first timers is a bit more involved than a Mission Assignment under the Stafford Act. My understanding is that we will have to involve FMO since we don't have an MOU with the Funds Center. We may be able to expedite that process by getting the EOC logistics people in on this, but that may also slow things down as they are focused on the mission assignment process. I have a contact for the Funds Center that I can give to whoever from here needs to be involved.

Let me know how this flies with Coast Guard Sector Mobile, the 8th District, and EPA IV. In the meantime, we'll start on pulling

things
together. We can probably have a draft done by the end of the
day or
first thing in the morning for folks to start chewing on.

Rich Nickle
ATSDR Emergency Response

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From: Holler, James S. (Jim) (ATSDR/DTEM/PRMSB)
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Rich,

Per our discussion this morning.

Jim

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Jim, a follow up from our call this morning. I spoke to Dean
Ullock this
morning. EPA and USCG sector command would like this ASAP as
complaints
comming in more frequently. Bob

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